

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Krayton Kerns, on March 10, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Krayton Kerns, Chair (R)
Rep. Timothy Furey, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bob Wagner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Alan Hale (R)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Sterling Small (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)
Rep. David Howard (R)
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Lauren Head, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 5, 3/7/2011; SB 74, 3/7/2011; SB 126, 3/7/2011

HEARING ON SB 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:16 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 5, Remove sunset provisions to milk control laws.

00:02:31 Rep. McNiven joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:35 Mark Meyer, Montana Milk Producers Association (MMPA)

00:06:05 Peter Scott, Meadow Gold Dairies

00:06:43 Peter Wipf, MMPA

00:07:22 Duncan Wipf, MMPA

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:07:44 George Harris, Administrator, Department of Livestock (DOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:49 Rep. Furey

00:08:55 Rep. MacDonald left the meeting.

00:09:04 Sen. Brown

00:09:07 Rep. Furey

00:09:09 Sen. Brown

00:09:24 Rep. Furey

00:09:27 Sen. Brown

00:11:11 Rep. Salomon

00:11:19 Rep. MacDonald rejoined the meeting.

00:11:33 Sen. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:14 Sen. Brown

HEARING ON SB 126**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:13:01 Sen. Cliff Larsen (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 126, Revise fees & licensing for plant nurseries & vendors; revise D of Ag inspection.

00:14:05 Rep. Williams joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:58 Shane Rogers, Montana Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA)

00:18:31 Rep. Clark joined the meeting.

00:19:26 Greg Ames, Administrator, Agriculture Science Division, Department of Agriculture (DOAg)

00:23:05 Bob Regier, Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association (INLA)

00:25:39 Josh Friendson, MNLA

00:27:45 Harold McGaughay, self

00:28:11 David Anderson, self

00:28:45 Michael Hiel, Gardenworks

Opponents' Testimony:

00:29:16 George Hart, self

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Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:34:32 Vice Chairman Wagner

00:35:07 Mr. Ames

00:35:22 Vice Chairman Wagner

00:35:38 Mr. Ames

00:35:50 Donna Rise, DOAg

00:36:20 Vice Chairman Wagner

00:36:47 Ms. Rise

00:37:04 Vice Chairman Wagner

00:37:10 Ms. Rise

00:37:15 Vice Chairman Wagner

00:37:40 Ms. Rise

00:38:12 Vice Chairman Wagner

00:39:16 Ms. Rise

00:39:41 Vice Chairman Wagner

00:40:59 Sen. Larsen

00:42:40 Vice Chairman Wagner

00:42:52 Mr. Regier

00:43:05 Rep. Furey

00:44:08 Mr. Ames

00:44:52 Rep. Furey

00:45:11 Mr. Ames
 00:46:21 Rep. Furey
 00:46:42 Mr. Ames
 00:46:45 Rep. Furey
 00:47:13 Ms. Rise
 00:48:23 Rep. Blyton
 00:48:53 Ms. Rise
 00:49:57 Rep. Pease-Lopez left the meeting.
 00:50:30 Rep. Williams
 00:50:54 Mr. Ames
 00:51:06 Rep. Williams
 00:51:12 Mr. Ames
 00:51:16 Rep. Hoven
 00:51:36 Mr. Ames
 00:52:14 Ms. Rise
 00:54:09 Vice Chairman Wagner
 00:54:33 Ms. Rise
 00:54:36 Rep. Fitzpatrick left the meeting.
 00:54:57 Vice Chairman Wagner
 00:55:27 Ms. Rise

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:27 Sen. Larsen
 00:56:51 Recess began.
 01:01:08 Meeting reconvened without Vice Chairman Wagner, Rep. McClafferty, Rep. Evans, and Rep. Pease-Lopez.

HEARING ON SB 74

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:01:17 Sen. Donald Steinbeisser (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 74, Allow commodity dealers to use full or 110% bond for commodities to be purchased.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:03:19 Cort Jensen, DOAg
 01:03:54 Vice Chairman Wagner rejoined the meeting.
 01:03:58 Rep. Evans rejoined the meeting.
 01:07:45 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
 01:08:10 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
 01:08:50 Edwards, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)
 01:09:13 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Grain Elevators Association (MGEA)
 01:09:33 Rep. Pease-Lopez rejoined the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:01 Vice Chairman Wagner
01:10:36 Mr. Jensen
01:10:38 Vice Chairman Wagner
01:10:41 Mr. Jensen
01:10:48 Rep. Hoven
01:11:22 Mr. Edwards

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:28 Sen. Steinbeisser

ADJOURNMENT

01:14:21 Adjournment

Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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